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Donation to Dodge County Project Lifesaver

The Dementia Concerns Coalition (DCC) of Dodge County presented a check to the Dodge County Sheriff's Office program "Dodge County Project Lifesaver" on October 14, 2017.

The generous donation of \$6,000 was presented following the DCC's annual "Steppin' Out for Dementia Awareness Walk" held that morning in the City of Waupun. The event was held to bring awareness to those with dementia and their loved ones and also raises funds the DCC uses to offer services, support and education to their cause.

This is not the first donation from the DCC for the program run by the sheriff's office. In 2015, the DCC fully funded the startup for the sheriff's office to begin the program which included equipment and training for personnel. The DCC has continued its generosity towards the program ever since, readily offering money to obtain more equipment, training and to assist in funding client's participation.

Project Lifesaver is a program which offers peace of mind to families of those who have a tendency to wander due to cognitive conditions such as Dementia, Alzheimer's, Autism, and Down syndrome. The client has a small radio transmitter similar to a wristwatch placed on them to assist in locating them should they wander and not be able to help themselves out of the situation. The program boasts a 100% success rate worldwide in safely locating any person on the program that has wandered and become lost, with 3,347 safely rescued.

The sheriff's office publicly offers our appreciation towards the DCC and their continued support of the program and the people it serves. The DCC can be found on Facebook under the name Dementia Concerns Coalition of Dodge County. More information about Project Lifesaver can be found on the sheriff's office web page "community programs" tab <http://www.co.dodge.wi.gov/government/departments-p-z/sheriff/community-programs/project-lifesaver> and at Project Lifesaver International www.projectlifesaver.org

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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